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Col: Thomas Hunt.

Commandg the 1st U.S. Regt of Infantry.

Mt. Bailvin

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St Louis May 26th 1808.

Sir.

By a letter which I yesterday received from Genl. William Clark, under date the 30th of April, I am induced to believe that he will arrive about this time at the mouth of the Ohio. He brings on with him the running gear of a horse mill, blacksmith's tools, together with a number of other articles with which he is charged by the government for the indian department, equals as he states to the capacity of a large batteaux or barge. Knowing that you have not a barge of this description which is not otherwise engaged, I have employed one for the purpose, and would therefore thank you to send me a trusty Sergt. and ten men to be dispatched on this service. I have also employed another barge for the accomodation of the Genl., his family and baggage, and have employed a French Patison and six hands; but as the barge is too large to be managed with ease by that number, and

and believing that Ensign Pryor and his party would feel a pleasure in assisting the Genl up the river I must also beg the favour of you to send them down, & you will permit me, on their arrival here, I will make the necessary arrangements with respect to this command. — Should you not have it in your power to comply with my request on this occasion, it is necessary that I should be immediately informed, in order that some other steps may be taken, as the Genl is probably at this moment waiting the arrival of the boats at the entrance of the Ohio. The Genl brings with him two of his nieces, who will no doubt form a valuable accquisition to our female society — my compliments to the ladies of belle Fontain, particularly my much respected friend Mrs Hunt — I rejoice to here that your health is better —

Your friend & Obt Servt.

Merriwether Lewis.

Col. Thomas Hunt
1st U.S. Regt Infty.

Gov. Lewis's Letter
to Col. Hunt 2d
May 1808

Governor Lewis's
Letters

Col. Thomas Hunt.

Commdg. 1st U.S. Regt. Infty.

Belle Fontaine.

W. Wilkinson